

International Law Section Meeting
October 23, 2008

I. Website

- A. It is not up and running yet, but it should be soon. Minutes will be posted there.
- B. Ideas for additional web links
 - 1. Practice tips/suggestions from members
 - a. Drawing upon the resources of the other section members to develop a section on the site that can help other members on any number of issues
 - (i) Examples included how to deal with consular offices in different countries, how to get emergency passports, etc. Anything that you have dealt with that might be of service to someone else in the future.
 - (ii) Send to Kristi— kwilson@idcourts.net
 - 2. Articles or news reports
 - a. We'll post links to any interesting articles that may be useful to members
 - 3. Gary also suggested we develop a networking system on the website of contacts that members have used
 - a. Include information on a country-by-country basis of good contacts to use when working in those countries
 - (i) Translators, customs, labor, etc
 - (ii) Send an email to Kristi, Shasta, or Melissa detailing the information and we can organize it on the website

II. CLEs

- A. Because our scheduled meeting times in November and December fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas respectively, it is suggested that we have a CLE the first week in December followed by a happy hour at a restaurant.
 - 1. The CLE will tentatively be set for 4:00 on December 2 or 3, followed by the happy hour
 - 2. Decided we will offer it free to members and anyone that wants to join at the time
- B. We discussed the idea of if we want to offer a big CLE once or twice a year. Maybe one on the business side and one on the public interest/human rights side of international law.

1. Jason Prince suggested that we record the CLEs. They can then be checked out from the library and the money from the rental goes to the section.
2. We discussed the possibility of working with the International Law Students Association at the University of Idaho College of Law. In the past a professor at the school had organized an international law symposium in Coeur d'Alene each year.
3. Shoot for putting together a longer CLE by the end of spring

III. Community Service Projects

- A. Jessica volunteered to call the International Rescue Committee to see if they needed any assistance
- B. Jason offered to contact the Agency for New Americans
- C. We could also work with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
 1. They have refugee cases that would be a good fit
 2. VAWA petitions and documents
 3. Guardianship cases
 - a. They don't get many cases each year, so it might not be the best opportunity for us
- D. Kathy Railsback with Catholic Charities may be interested in putting together a Citizenship Day in the area where we could volunteer our time to help people fill out forms for citizenship. Kristi will check into that.
- E. Jennifer was going to contact Dan Fink who does refugee programming through the local synagogue
- F. Might also discuss possible service activities with the IDHR education center
- G. We also discussed activities that don't involve legal services
 1. In the summer the World Refugee Soccer Day needs volunteers